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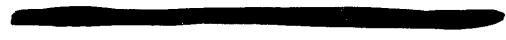


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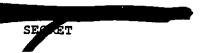
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DIST:

03 APRIL 1991

COUNTRY:

CHILE

SUBJ:

EXTREME LEFT AUTHORSHIP OF TWO RECENT TERRORIST

INCIDENTS

DOI:

MARCH 1991

SUMMARY:

TEXT: 1.

IN LATE MARCH 1991, RECENT TERRORIST INCIDENTS

WHILE THE

GOVERNMENT INITIALLY WAS SUSPICIOUS OF POSSIBLE EXTREME RIGHT INVOLVEMENT IN THE RECENT MURDERS OF ARMY DOCTOR HERNAN ((PEREZ)) CASTRO IN RANCAGUA AND INVESTIGATIONS POLICE (PICH) ZONAL COMMANDER PREFECT HECTOR ((SARMIENTO)) HIDALGO IN CONCEPCION, IT NOW BELIEVES THAT BOTH WERE COMMITTED BY THE DISSIDENT FACTION OF THE MANUEL RODRIGUEZ PATRIOTIC FRONT (FPMR/D) AND THE LAUTARO REBEL POPULAR FORCES (FRPL) RESPECTIVELY. IN THE FIRST CASE, THE GOVERNMENT BELIEVED THE AMBUSH OF PEREZ, A DOCTOR WHO HAD SERVED WITH THE FORMER NATIONAL INFORMATION CENTER (CNI), WAS UNUSUAL BECAUSE OF HIS RELATIVELY LOW LEVEL INVOLVEMENT IN HUMAN RIGHTS RELATED INCIDENTS, ITS TIMING PRIOR TO THE RELEASE OF THE RETTIG COMMISSION REPORT, ITS DENIAL BY JAILED FPMR/D SPOKESMAN VASILIY ((CARRILLO)), AND THE UNCHARACTERISTIC KILLING OF PEREZ'S WIFE.

IN THE SECOND CASE, THE GOVERNMENT FOUND IT UNUSUAL THAT THE FRPL WOULD ATTACK A PICH OFFICIAL NOT INVOLVED IN PREVIOUS HUMAN RIGHTS RELATED MATTERS. LATER ANALYSIS OF THE FRPL CLAIM OF AUTHORSHIP, THE FACT THAT THE PICH IS CONSIDERED A REPRESSIVE ORGAN BY THE FRPL,

COMPARISON WITH THE METHODOLOGY/WEAPONS USED IN ANOTHER RECENT TERRORIST INCIDENT, LED TO THE BELIEF THAT THE FRPL COMMITTED THE MURDER. INITIALLY A STRONG

BELIEVER IN THE EXTREME RIGHT THEORY, NOW BELIEVES THE ATTACK WAS CARRIED OUT BY THE FRPL.

THE PUBLIC STATEMENT BY MINISTER SECRETARY GENERAL OF GOVERNMENT ENRIQUE ((CORREA)) RIOS ON THE NEED TO "ANNIHILATE" THE FRPL PARENT ORGANIZATION, THE LAUTARO FACTION OF THE UNITED POPULAR ACTION MOVEMENT (MAPU/L), WAS MADE IN ORDER TO SHOW OFFICIAL SUPPORT FOR THE DEMORALIZED SECURITY FORCES IN CONCEPCION.

WAS EXTREMELY NERVOUS IN MAKING THESE REMARKS AS THERE IS A POTENTIAL THREAT AGAINST HIM FROM THE MAPU/L; SOME OF ITS LEADERS WERE FORMER MEMBERS OF THE ORIGINAL MAPU MOVEMENT TO WHICH CORREA BELONGED PRIOR TO ITS SPLIT IN THE EARLY 1980'S.)

6. IN LATE MARCH THE FPMR/D WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE MURDER OF CASTRO IN RANCAGUA BASED ON THE PREVIOUS FPMR/D THREATS AGAINST CASTRO AND THE METHODOLOGY USED BY THE ATTACKERS.

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